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**BOX REISSUE**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This amendment is being submitted concurrently with a request for reissue of the above patent. Prior to reissue examination of this patent, please amend the application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 19, as follows:

19. A method for detecting a target polynucleotide contained in a sample, comprising the steps of:
- (a) contacting the sample with a first support which binds to the target polynucleotide;

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